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### MEDICAL FACILITIES IMPROVED

PLANSK MEDICAL SERVICE IMPROVED -- Meditsinskiy Rabotnik, No 15, 13 Apr 49

With the Decree of the Ministry of Public Health acting as the driving force, the small rayon center of Plavsk, Tula Oblast made one of the finest records in 1948. Unification of hospitals and polyclinics has progressed rapidly and all the medical workers are whole-heartedly cooperating to eliminate deficiencies.

The number of doctors doubled in 1948. Many famous people joined the ranks of the medical workers. Among them: K. A. Andreyeva, otolaryngologist; M. A. Glushova, ophthalmologist; Ye. A. Semashko, laboratory specialist; V. M. Baibakanov infectious disease specialist; O. N. Shapovalova, epidemiologist; and M. I. Vegovskiy, dentist. Many new departments were organized.

In April 1948, an X-ray department was organized. It has proven its worth in diagnosing difficult cases. In October 1948, Ye. S. Makeyeva, pathologist and anatomist, initiated a series of pathological and anatomical conferences for the purpose of training medical personnel. Results have been very satisfactory.

The local dispensary for bed patients has been assigned an additional 14 nurses and 20 nurse aids. The operations of the dispensary for ambulatory patients have been reorganized. Patients may now come for all types of services, except neuropathic. However, A. S. Dem'yanov, chief, Oblast Public Health Department, has promised that a neuropathologist would be assigned in the near future.

Formerly, there was no medical service available in Plavsk. At present, however, there are three different medical sections in operation. The section heads are doing commendable work in aiding war wounded, tubercular, ulcerous, and hypertonic cases. The Plavsk Dispensary is not inferior to the polyclinics in the large cities. The abilities of its staff physicians rank second to none. M. A. Glukhova, an ophthalmologist, is somewhat hampered by the fact that she does not have enough beds in her hospital. However, she has had fine cooperation from other medical enterprises and usually has no difficulty in finding beds for her patients.

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The monthly record of the X-ray department speaks for itself; in January 1949 there 388 were patients in the dispensary for ambulatory patients, of whom 40 were X-rayed. During that same month there were 79 patients in the dispensary for bed patients, of whom 23 were X-rayed. This appears to be one of the few enterprises where all of the personnel are quite familiar with their duties.

At one time it was necessary to call upon ophthalmologists in Tula to make periodic visits; this is no longer necessary. Doctor Glukhova, who studied at the Institute imeni Gel'mogol'ts, is an ophthalmologic surgeon.

At a recent conference of staff physicians Semashko sought the reason for the failure to study the effect of Vandenberg's reaction on spinal fluids or blood. Since then the laboratory has been quite busy, and soon it will be possible to requisition everything necessary for carrying out complete histological diagnosis.

One of the factors that made possible the magnificent achievements of the Plavsk Medical Department has been the excellent working conditions; everyone cooperates. The system has worked so well that in 1948 only 50 neuropathic and cancerous cases were sent from Plavsk to Tula, a significant decrease over 1947.

The Plavsk Rayon Hospital is improving daily; much of this is due to the efforts of Z. M. Golovicheva, chief, Rayon Public Health Department, and V. V. Golovtseva, chief surgeon, United Hospital and Polyclinic. -- A. Luganskiy

**SHEPETOV HOSPITAL RESUMES SERVICE -- Meditsinskiy Rabotnik, No 16, 20 Apr 49**

The Shepetov Intra-rayon hospital is again functioning in all departments after a period of inactivity imposed by the war. The hospital has seven different buildings, and a sanitation and engineering department containing a biological sanitation unit. There are ten departments, and a total of 320 beds. It is united with a polyclinic.

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